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The Year of the Hobson's Choice

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My mom, Carol, who many of you talked to over the years, would annually try to visit her only sister in Tucson. When I was a rugrat that included train rides to Arizona for us kids and even flying on a plane when I was in 5th grade to visit my aunt and relatives (really young for a first experience to fly in those days). Sometimes my Dad drove us to Arizona as a family. One year when I think I was in second grade, it was a Christmas trip. The problem was my Uncle Wes felt that you only believe in Jesus and that was it - Hobson's Choice. He and my Aunt Mary were missionaries when they were younger. They were dedicated in serving the Lord. This was in conflict, however, with what we believed as kids. There was still a Santa for us. My Dad tried to save the day with red thermal underwear and a Santa cap delivering gifts. I think there is a picture out there somewhere in a family album. I can still remember the conflict that was going on.



Many of you have children and grandchildren and you will be having to make many choices this and the coming year. As a child of the 60's and 70's I can tell you that the educational system was far from perfect. We were the metric system generation (definite failure) and how about going to school and learning evolution and then going to Sunday school and being confused. A difficult book to read (I had to read it twice) that I found as good a start as any to help me out in a better understanding of life, is J.Scott Turner's "Purpose and Desire What makes something "Alive" and Why Modern Darwinism has Failed to Explain it".

There are scientists that try to explain the beginning from the big bang to mud baths of chemicals that combine into life. Dr. Turner explains the difficult biology that would have to occur for there to be a single cell to organize successfully in the beginning without a helping hand. Dr. Turner is not considered a scientist by others because his open minded attitude is not accepted, and today many doctors and scientists are in similar situations, being deplatformed because they don't limit themselves to the only choice viewed acceptable by the representatives of the mainstream. Sadly, there is no true scientific analysis in many elements of our society today.

There are scientists that believe there could be multiverses. No proof of this, just theories. I guess they may have faith and I agree that they can believe in what they want to believe. In free society you have a choice. In Turner's epilogue he writes "For nearly a century, our choice has been stark: the purposeless world of the materialist, or the demon-haunted world of the vitalist. For nearly a century, we have been forced to choose, and casting your lot with one has meant being cast out from the other. But there is a middle path to follow, which I have argued in this book means coming to grips with life's truly distinct nature— its purposefulness, its intentionality, and its distinctive intelligence. Failing to do this will only cast us deeper into shadows of irrelevance."

Pest of the Quarter:



Wasps

- Hibernate in homes in winter
- On warm days in winter may accidentally end up in home but will die from no food found
- Keep fireplace damper closed as many times wasp are in the flue
- Using your fireplace regularly will prevent wasps from hibernating in this area.

The lessons in the Bible lead many to relevance in their life. (Jordan Peterson's videos are great for understanding life). Birth is amazing. Jesus's birth and the hand of God in the creation is amazing. Last year's newsletter described the actions of Saint Nicholas helping children. Ann and I hope that this holiday season is joyful for your children, grandchildren and friends, and next year is prosperous for you. —David

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My mom's older brother Bob (who's now 90) was a talented illustrator for Conoco and occasionally drew up cartoons for me. Here's a little retrospective.

Merry Christmas!

